

**SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 21**

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

TWENTY-EIGHTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

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Referred: Judiciary

**A RESOLUTION**

**Proposing amendments to the Constitution of the State of Alaska to increase the number of members on the judicial council and relating to the initial terms of new members appointed to the judicial council.**

**BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:**

**\* Section 1.** Article IV, sec. 8, Constitution of the State of Alaska, is amended to read:

**Section 8. Judicial Council.** The judicial council shall consist of sixteen [SEVEN] members. Five [THREE] attorney members shall be appointed for six-year terms by the governing body of the organized state bar. Ten [THREE] non-attorney members shall be appointed for six-year terms by the governor subject to confirmation by a majority of the members of the legislature in joint session. Vacancies shall be filled for the unexpired term in like manner. Appointments shall be made with due consideration to area representation and without regard to political affiliation. The chief justice of the supreme court shall be ex-officio the sixteenth [SEVENTH] member and chairman of the judicial council. No member of the judicial council, except the chief justice, may hold any other office or position of profit under the

1 United States or the State. The judicial council shall act by concurrence of **a majority**  
2 **of its members who are participating in a vote** [FOUR OR MORE MEMBERS]  
3 and according to rules which it adopts.

4 \* **Sec. 2.** Article XV, Constitution of the State of Alaska, is amended by adding a new  
5 section to read:

6 **Section 30. Judicial Council Additional Members.** If the 2014 amendment  
7 increasing the membership of the judicial council (art. IV, sec. 8) is adopted, the first  
8 term for the new members of the judicial council shall be as follows: two attorney  
9 members for three and five years respectively, two non-attorney members for one  
10 year, one non-attorney member for two years, one non-attorney member for three  
11 years, one non-attorney member for four years, one non-attorney member for five  
12 years, and one non-attorney member for six years.

13 \* **Sec. 3.** The amendments proposed by this resolution shall be placed before the voters of  
14 the state at the next general election in conformity with art. XIII, sec. 1, Constitution of the  
15 State of Alaska, and the election laws of the state.